



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 6090

Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6547

File No. 571

Cal. No. 152

"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS IN NEW HOMES."

1 Strike out lines 1 to 6, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 29-315 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
4 is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) When any building is to be built having more than four stories
6 and is to be used for human occupancy, such building shall have an
7 automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire
8 Marshal on each floor.

9 (b) Each hotel or motel having six or more guest rooms and
10 providing sleeping accommodations for more than sixteen persons for
11 which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or after
12 January 1, 1987, shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system
13 installed on each floor in accordance with regulations adopted by the
14 Commissioner of Public Safety.

15 (c) Not later than October 1, 1992, each hotel or motel having more
16 than four stories shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system
17 approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

18 (d) (1) Not later than January 1, 1995, each residential building
19 having more than four stories and occupied primarily by elderly
20 persons shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by
21 the State Fire Marshal on each floor. Not later than January 1, 1994, the
22 owner or manager of or agency responsible for such residential
23 building shall submit plans for the installation of such system, signed
24 and sealed by a licensed professional engineer, to the local fire marshal
25 within whose jurisdiction such building is located or to the State Fire
26 Marshal, as the case may be. For the purposes of this subsection, the
27 phrase "occupied primarily by elderly persons" means that on October
28 1, 1993, or on the date of any inspection, if later, a minimum of eighty
29 per cent of the dwelling units available for human occupancy in a
30 residential building have at least one resident who has attained the age
31 of sixty-five years.

32 (2) Each residential building having more than twelve living units
33 and occupied primarily by elderly persons, as defined in subdivision
34 (1) of this subsection, or designed to be so occupied, for which a
35 building permit for new occupancy is issued or which is substantially
36 renovated on or after January 1, 1997, shall have an automatic fire
37 extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

38 (e) No building inspector shall grant a building permit unless a fire
39 extinguishing system as required by subsection (a) or (b) of this section
40 is included in the final, approved building plans and no fire marshal or
41 building inspector shall permit occupancy of such a building unless
42 such fire extinguishing system is installed and operable. The State Fire
43 Marshal may require fire extinguishing systems approved by [him] the
44 State Fire Marshal to be installed in other occupancies where they are
45 required in the interest of safety because of special occupancy hazards.

46 (f) The State Fire Marshal shall develop and publish a model

47 ordinance which may be adopted by towns and cities that requires one
48 or two family homes, for which a building permit is issued on or after
49 the effective date of the town or city ordinance, have an automatic fire
50 extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each
51 floor."